

JULY

July 3 & 4, 2009 1 p.m.

A GENIUS REMEMBERED, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

This 30- minute film explores the life of George Washington Carver, told by people who actually knew him and by others whose work was influenced by his great legacy.

July 11, 2009 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

CARVER DAY CELEBRATION

There will be something for everyone at this special event commemorating the 1943 establishment of George Washington Carver National Monument. Visitors will hear gospel music from area choirs, be invited to participate in family activities, and see many interesting exhibits. Loretta Washington, St. Louis, MO, will provide storytelling. Special speakers include Clifton Taulbert, Tulsa, OK, and Peter Burchard, Fairfax, CA. Musical performers include blues artist Reverend John Wilkins and Kufara, African marimba music.

July 18, 2009 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

OLD- FASHIONED TOYS AND GAMES

Playtime was a simple affair in the 19th century as children invented their own games or played with homemade toys. Join a park ranger at the 1881 Moses Carver House and experience the joy of playing with some old- fashioned toys and games.

July 25, 2009 Noon- 1 p.m.

WHO WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER?

Created from an in- depth study on Carver's life, this photographic presentation and discussion explores his life and times.

AUGUST

August 1 & 2, 2009 1 p.m.

SLAVERY ON TRIAL, THE DRED SCOTT DECISION

This 30- minute film explores the life of Dred Scott and one of the most important court cases over the issue of slavery in the United States.

August 8, 2009 Noon – 1 p.m.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER: STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION IN A SEGREGATED AMERICA

Utilizing photographs and artwork, this program focuses on Carver's years pursuing education despite racial segregation and limited opportunities.

August 15, 2009 Noon – 1 p.m.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE SOUL

George Washington Carver was a talented artist using flowering plants and landscapes as his favorite subjects to draw or paint. The program looks more closely at Carver the artist and how his artistry brought joy to his life.

August 22 & 23, 2009 1 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER

September 5 & 6, 2009 1 p.m.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

BREAK ME MY BOUNDS is a film that explores the life of Paul Laurence Dunbar, known as the “poet laureate” of his people. Dunbar was one of the first African- American writers to be widely read by whites.

September 12, 2009 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

PRAIRIE DAY CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate life on the prairie during the 1860s to 1880s. Musical entertainment, nature exhibits and a variety of living history demonstrations are the highlights of the event. Visitors are invited to dip candles, churn butter, tour the prairie in a horse- drawn wagon, and much more!

September 19, 2009 Noon– 1 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL ON WHEELS

The Jesup Wagon, also known as the Agricultural School on Wheels, carried George Washington Carver's bulletins in addition to many other useful supplies to the southern farmers. A park ranger will share the story of this fascinating teaching tool.

September 26, 2009 Noon- 1 p.m.

EPITAPHS & ENGRAVINGS

Take some time to learn about the symbols and engravings on the headstones during this program at the Carver Family Cemetery. A park ranger will explain the meaning behind the symbols which tell about the lives of the early settlers.

September 26, 2009

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands we enjoy. Park staff have identified projects where volunteers can lend a hand.

If interested, please contact the park.

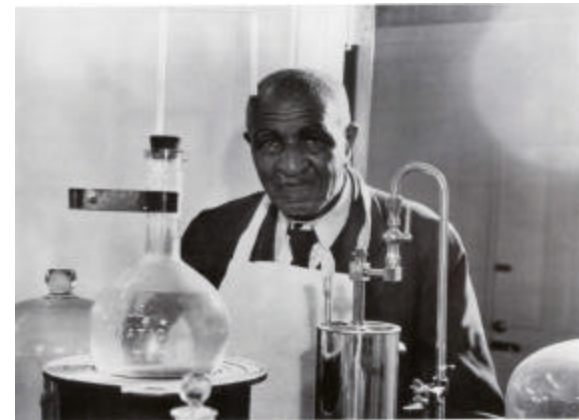
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Calendar of Activities July - September 2009



"The primary idea in all my work was to help the farmer and fill the poor man's dinner pail."

- George Washington Carver, January 16, 1929

You are encouraged to visit George Washington Carver National Monument and experience the many excellent programs and activities that are available. Some programs are provided free of charge in partnership with the Carver Birthplace Association.

The park is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri, on Highway V, then ½ mile south on Carver Road. The visitor center and park grounds are open daily from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

For more information, please call the park at (417) 325.4151 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/gwca